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Sara Murphy is a Senior Associate at TransCen, Inc. and the director of TransCen's WorkLink Program, a San Francisco-based employment service that braids day and work services for job seekers with disabilities. For the past 30 years, Ms. Murphy has been involved in employment for individuals with disabilities on a number of different levels, including organizational and program development, system change and direct service and the demonstration of best practice.

She has a B.S. in Behavioral Disabilities from the University of Wisconsin and an M.A. in Education with a Certificate in Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling from San Francisco State University. She has helped establish innovative transition and employment programs throughout the country- and abroad. Sara is also a key contributor to TransCen's consultation team where she provides training and technical assistance to government agencies, school districts, service providers and advocacy groups.

Ms. Murphy has provided technical assistance for many groundbreaking federal initiatives, such as SSA's Youth Transition Demonstration Projects and ODEP's Customized Employment projects. For four years, Ms. Murphy worked as a consultant for Cincinnati Children's Hospital's Project SEARCH to support program replication in a number of states, develop curriculum and provide instruction for their training institute.

In addition to her current training and management responsibilities with TransCen, Sara is an active participant in a number of Employment First consortiums at a regional, state and federal level. She is a subject matter expert for ODEP's Employment First Community of Practice, regarding braided/blended services, community-based program management, systems change and customized employment methods.